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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
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Re: *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Tariff for Implementation of Intrastate  
Directory Assistance Charges*  
Docket No. 99-00391

Dear Mr. Waddell:

In yet another thinly veiled attempt to delay the implementation of BellSouth's lawful directory assistance tariff, the CAD filed its "Motion to Continue and to Continue Suspension of Tariff" on July 23, 1999. It is ironic that the same entity that has been called to task for filing a motion at 4:22 p.m. the day before a hearing<sup>1</sup> cries foul when it receives a hand-delivered response to its own filing nearly a week before the matter is to be considered. The CAD's Motion reflects its erroneous belief that its due process rights are somehow denied if it is not permitted the last word in the last filing in every docket in which it is involved.

While BellSouth wholeheartedly disagrees with the CAD's position that it is entitled to file a written reply before the Authority can consider BellSouth's directory assistance tariff, BellSouth does not want the Authority's consideration further delayed. Nor does BellSouth believe that the Authority's time would be well spent addressing the CAD's procedural wrangling. Accordingly, BellSouth hereby withdraws its Response to the CAD's Motion for a More Definite and Detailed Statement which BellSouth filed on July 21, 1999. This should obviate any need for a continuance and should allow the Authority to consider BellSouth's directory assistance tariff on July 27, 1999, as planned.

Very truly yours,

Patrick W. Turner

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cc: Parties of Record

<sup>1</sup> See Transcript of May 13, 1999 Proceedings in Docket No. 98-00626 (United Telephone-Southeast Tariff to Reflect Proposed Changes Under Price Regulation Plan) at 19-20.  
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